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ONE CENT

EPIDEMIC OF SCARLET FEVER AT NORMAL TOWN

State Representative
There Today Holding
Conference

TWO CASES AT SCHOOL

Daughter of Principle Hert-
zog Afflicted—Several
Cases in the Town

Indicating that the scarlet fever situation is growing alarming at California Dr. C. B. Wood of Monongahela, a representative of the state department of health this afternoon went to California to meet the members of the board of health of that borough and to confer with Dr. W. S. Hertzog, principal of the Southwestern State Normal school and other Normal authorities. There is one case of scarlet fever at the normal school proper now, and Virginia Hertzog, the seven-year old daughter of Dr. Hertzog has developed a case of scarletina, but that is declared not to be the worst of the situation. The community is suffering from an epidemic.

The visit of Dr. Wood this afternoon to the normal will be to ascertain the correct status of the situation and to advise regarding matters. That he will order the entire normal school to be closed seems unlikely, but if he does it will be from the presence of disease in the community rather than from any affliction at the school.

Henry Walker, the first student at the normal to contract the disease is still living and is said to have passed the crisis in his illness, but the nurse who caught the disease when she attended his case in a quarantined part of the normal has died. This was Miss Nelle Cleaver. The little daughter of Prof. Hertzog is thought to have contracted the fever from someone in the town.

It is declared that in California and the immediately adjacent section since October 1, there have been 25 or more cases of scarlet fever reported. Several cases are raging at the present time.

"SQUIRE" FERGUSON READY TO DEFEND HIS HONOR

William H. Ferguson, justice of the peace of Independence township, under indictment on charges of extortion, was in Washington Monday and informed the district attorney that he expected to fight the charges and that he is making preparations for his defense. The indictment, based upon the facts as given by about 80 witnesses before the grand jury last week is a voluminous document.

The case is set for trial on Tuesday, February 17.

OVER 100 FRIENDS ATTEND MINISTERS' SURPRISE PARTY

Monday evening Rev. and Mrs. C. P. Bastian of the Christ Lutheran church were surprised when 125 members and friends of the congregation called at their home on Lincoln avenue to spend the evening. Music and games were the diversions. Lunch was served by the women of the church.

Taxis At Monessen

Steel Town Across The
River Now Can Ride Up
and Down Hills

Monessen is one of the first towns in the Monongahela valley to have taxicab service. A. B. Coughanour and Frank Phillips having in the service there. Their equipment has just arrived and been put into use. Their purpose will be to conduct a service for the town for the purpose of conveying people to and from the hill districts and to and from nearby towns.

SUIT FOR LIBEL IS SETTLED

Monongahela Men Patch
Up Their Political
Differences

ONE MAKES RETRACTION

Settlement of the libel suit of Harry K. Bentley of Monongahela against Claude E. Towner of Monongahela has been effected. On Monday Mr. Towner published in the Monongahela Times, in which publication the alleged libelous statements are alleged to have been made, a complete retraction of his story, and it is said paid the costs of the proceedings, whereupon Mr. Bentley withdrew his suit.

Mr. Towner accused Mr. Bentley of being the "tool of Mulvihill and the brewery interests," and said that Mr. Bentley stood for an open town. The publication of the article came before election time last fall and was intended, it appears, to offset certain activity the policy of which was disagreeable to Mr. Towner, who then was the president of the Times Publishing company. The retraction of the alleged libelous statements were made in a gentlemanly manner by Mr. Towner Monday, as he says after investigation proving them to be wrong.

Ninety-Four Applicants In Fayette

Saturday was the last day for filing liquor license applications in Fayette county and 94 were in the hands of Clerk of Courts Richard Davis when his office closed that day. Last year there were 95 applications. There are six new applications.

Banks to Observe Holiday

The three Charleroi banks will be closed on Thursday which will be observed entirely as a holiday. Thursday will be the Lincoln birthday anniversary.

LOCAL CASE FIRST ON LIST FOR TRIAL

Criminal Court Now in Full Swing—Widow
Fined \$500 and Sent to Jail, Two Children Accompanying Her

The February term of criminal court was covered Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock. The jurors were called before Judge Irwin and the panel called over. About 54 jurors were present. The first case taken up, and which will go to the jury today, was that of the commonwealth against Jack Vazatta, of Charleroi, charged with a statutory offense on oath of his own daughter, Rosie Vazatta.

Before Judge McIlvaine there was on trail all afternoon the case of the commonwealth against Mike Yeger, of Smith township, charged with violating the liquor laws. Yeger, who worked for a grocery store at Cherry Valley, delivering goods, also according to the commonwealth's evidence, did a little liquor selling. He delivered groceries at Atlasburg and also, it seems, delivered some beer. He claimed he just bought it from Cherry Valley as an accommodation for some of the customers to whom he delivered groceries. His order book though seemed to show he took orders for beer. The commonwealth introduced testimony to show that Yeger had delivered intoxicants and received money for the same.

Mary Ross of Bentleyville entered a plea of guilty to an assault upon

another colored lady, Sarah B. Wilson. The defendant and prosecutrix were during the last big snow, members of a sledding party. There were some liquid refreshments taken along. During the evening the defendant's pocketbook disappeared. She accused the Wilson woman. Hot words passed between the women. The fuss was renewed the next day. The defendant went to the home of the Wilson woman and according to the Ross woman when the Wilson woman opened her door she hit the Ross woman over the head with a skillet. The Ross woman then pulled a razor and before the fuss was over the Wilson woman had deep gashes under one eye, on her shoulder and on her arm. It was apparently a merry war. The Ross woman was asked where she got the razor and she said a relative had given it to her to take it to the barber to have it "honed."

Katy Beigo, a widow, with two children, one a babe, went before the court Monday and received her sentence for violating the liquor laws. She had entered a plea some time ago and sentence had been deferred. The woman is from Primrose. She was directed to pay the costs, fine of \$500 and to undergo imprisonment in the county jail for three months. The children went with her.

BRICKS USED IN PLACE OF GUNS

Two Sets of Foreigners Engage in Miniature War at Monongahela

RIVALS MEXICAN WAR HERE FOR TWO WEEKS

Because the wicked Pennsylvania legislature made laws prohibiting the use of any such deadly instruments as cannons, rapid-fire guns, plain revolvers, shotguns, and everyday butcher knives by foreigners in their pleasant tete-a-tetes, leaving them nothing but pea shooters and air guns with which to shoot the lining out of their fellow beings and brothers a party of Monongahela foreigners had recourse to a new and original sort of pastime Sunday night. They used bricks.

Two sets of foreigners got sadly mixed and being near a brickyard both sides hustled for weapons. After the manner in which David of old armed himself with pebbles for his slingshot, they packed bricks about their persons, and in a moment affairs were in progress that made the Mexican revolution look like a friendly card party in comparison. Finally Joe Sturvent, general of one army, permitted himself to get in the way of a brick. As that was all in the game, he gracefully dropped—gracefully like a log. Surrender followed by his army and the reconciled hosts carted him to the doctor's to have his head sewn together. It is stated that he will live and that nobody will get arrested.

EVANGELIST GETS WORK UNDER WAY

Rev. J. T. Pender, D. D., Hands Out Few Jolts at Local Church

The Rev. J. T. Pender, D. D. of Wilkinstown Monday night delivered the opening sermon in an evangelistic campaign that he is conducting in the Methodist Episcopal church.

The subject was "Co-partnership with God." Dr. Pender showed the character of those whom God desired to work with him. Dr. Pender is a noted temperance worker and in his sermon he roundly scored those who are in complicity with the liquor traffic. At the close of the sermon two people went forward at the call of the evangelist to signify their desire to lead a Christian life. Dr. Pender expressed a desire to work for the winning of people to Christ regardless of denominational lines and asked the co-operation of all Christian people. An excellent congregation was present and all were delighted with the evangelist and his effort. Dr. Pender will preach every evening for two weeks with the exception of Saturdays. He is a preacher and lecturer of ability and possesses a striking appearance.

FOR SALE

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WEEPS WHEN TOLD HE MUST GO TO THE PEN

Mines Will Be Operated

David G. Jones Says Work Will Be Started Full Time After March 1

Until the first of March according to the statement of David G. Jones, of the Pittsburgh Buffalo Coal company the Marianna mines will be operated three days a week, and after March 1, probably every day of the week. Conditions are Marianna are declared to be looking better. The mines there were forced to suspend at the time the Pittsburgh Buffalo Coal company went into the hands of a receiver.

ASKS FOR PROBE OF EXPENSES

County Controller Seeks Reduction For Children's Home

CUTS BUDGET \$7,000

Controller T. J. Underwood went before the grand jury Monday and asked that the jury, upon its visit to the Children and County homes, inquire into the matter of the expenses of running the two institutions. The controller insists that it costs too much to run them, particularly the Children's Home in comparison with the number of children housed and cared for.

The controller presented a number of figures as to the salaries and other expenses and compared them with the salaries and expense of running such institutions in adjoining counties.

The poor board asked for a \$50,000 appropriation this year, but the controller in his budget cut this down \$7,000. He lopped \$5,000 off the County home budget and \$2,000 off the Children's home. He holds that these institutions can be run for at least \$40,000.

He presented to the grand jury figures from Westmoreland county in which it was shown that in the Children's home in that county, with about 100 children, the expenses the past year were \$11,938. In this county the expense, with an average of about 60 children, \$15,529. In Westmoreland county the home is run by a matron, two assistants, a cook, seamstress and laundress. In this county there are about 15 employees. The grand jury will visit the County and Children's homes today.

Miss Jessie Spidell has returned from Bedford where she has been visiting relatives.

James Rush of Millsboro Must Serve Time For Killing Rogge

PAROLE IS DENIED HIM

Court Says Act Does Not Apply in Serious Cases—Three Years is Minimum

James Rush a well known Millsboro merchant, a member of a good family will have to spend the next three years in the western penitentiary. All hope of release from imprisonment vanished Monday afternoon when Judge McIlvaine refused to grant the parole asked for the defendant. Rush, with tears streaming down his face, felt keenly the trouble he had brought upon himself, his wife and child, and relatives. It was a sad moment to him when he heard the court say that he must undergo an indeterminate sentence in the penitentiary, the maximum of which will be 12 years and the minimum three years.

The defendant has a chance at the end of three years to be paroled. If his conduct in those three years has been such as would entitle him to be recommended for parole. Should he be released he will have hanging over him the penalty of returning to the institution if his conduct during his freedom is not proper. The only person in court with him yesterday, in addition to his counsel, was a brother.

The Rush case when heard last term of court attracted wide interest on account of the prominence of those concerned. Rush had been indicted for the killing of Charles Rogge, at Millsboro, on October 15, 1913. Rogge was not a native of Washington county. He was a former state trooper, but at the time he was killed was a deputy constable in East Bethlehem township and also an officer at the bar of the Dorion hotel, Fredericktown, East Bethlehem township. The shooting took place in a small stairway in the Rush home and no one but Rush knows just exactly what did occur in that stairway at the time Rogge received the fatal wound. Rush failed to substantiate his plea of "self defense."

Judge McIlvaine said that the case was not one that would come under the parole act, because that act was intended for the lesser grades of crime. Judge McIlvaine compared the crime for which Rush was indicted to a duel.

Deed Recorded.

February 3, 1914—Sarah J. Cupp, et con., of Charleroi, to Charles F. Thompson of Charleroi, lot in Fallowfield township on Charleroi, Bentleyville road; consideration \$150.

Notice.

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THE DANGERS OF "GRIP"

The department of public health and charities does well to call the attention of the public to the vital necessity of preventing the spread of influenza, or as it is more generally known, "grip," says the Philadelphia Press. Not only is it a disease which in itself is fatal to the extent of a hundred deaths a year in Philadelphia but it weakens the system to an extent which makes it easier for the germs of pneumonia, consumption, affections of the heart, kidneys and other organs to find lodgment and it is also a very infectious disease.

The ravages of influenza in its most virulent form have been noted throughout the world for no less than five centuries, although the modern world had not had its attention particularly called to it until the visitation of 1889-90. In May of the former year three widely separated localities, namely, Bokhara in Central Asia, Athabasca in the Northwest Territory of Canada and Greenland were affected. About the middle of October the disease was reported in Tomsk in Siberia and by the end of the month in St. Petersburg. By December epidemic influenza became established over the whole of Europe, along the Mediterranean, in Egypt and over a large area in the United States, as those of the older generation now living will well remember. But the scourge was common even in the fifteenth century. History records that in 1403 and again in 1557 the sittings of the Paris law courts had to be suspended because of it; in 1427 sermons had to be abandoned because of coughing and sneezing; in 1510 masses could not be sung. Other epidemics occurred in 1580, 1676, 1703, 1732 and 1737.

With proper care nowadays the disease may be effectually handled, although there is no routine treatment for it except putting the patient to bed. But its highly infectious nature gives full warrant for the warning of our local health authorities. It has been established almost beyond question that the disease is propagated mainly, almost entirely, by human intercourse. Therefore isolation of the sufferer is imperative and all contact between the sick and well members of the family should be avoided.

DIVORCE.

A news telegram from Cincinnati states that Clarice Von Frantz, aged 31, known on the stage as Sushanet, the dancer, will be married for the third time within a year, says the Uniontown Herald. The latest groom is J. E. Gorman, a Spaulding, aged 29, an dancing partner. She is the second wife of a J. M. Von Frantz, a Chicago business man. They were married seven months ago. Her first husband died in a New York hotel, and they were divorced almost as often.

Only a day or so ago a man died in New York having been married 11 times, and divorced almost as often. One or two of his wives had died. At least one of them was known to him, even by name, so casually did he regard the relation with her.

It is just such instances as these that give argument to the bill proposed before congress prohibiting divorced persons from marrying again. What should be the most sacred and most binding tie is but lightly regarded; is renounced for a momentary fancy. The pendulum is now due to swing to the other extreme. Divorce may still be permitted where the gravity of circumstances justify it, but there may be no indecent rushing into another marriage, the longing for which too often forms the basis of the divorce suit. Tolerant modern society may have already reached the uttermost limits of its amiability and the proposed bill may be but a symptom of the decadence which has been reached regarding what has attained in some instances, the magnitude of a national scandal and disgrace.

ELECTRIC SPARKS

Most men are only happy when working. Then for goodness sake why interrupt them.

Mexico at last reports had 15,000,000 population but if the revolution lasts much longer and running away and hangings still continue in vogue its population will be limited to army officers, and very few of them.

To hear people talking about next fall's fair is almost enough to cause violent action.

A rival of Theodore was elected president of Haiti. To prevent any misunderstandings it may be wise to add that Theodore, in this case, is not the first name of one Roosevelt.

It is correct to refer to the Progressive party, with Roosevelt at its head, as the first part of the second party.

A Pittsburger was robbed of a wad of \$200 in church. That is a case of the better the day and the better the place the worse the deed.

Wonder what Farmer Casey would look like in a pair of overalls tramping stolidly behind a plough and making speeches to his team. Like, "Gee, Jen; whoa haw. Fan."

Free seed is provided for congressmen who can't get advertising through any other medium.

Some countenances that are described as instructable are only blank.

PICKED UP IN PASSING

A Monongahela valley man who is practicing dentistry on the Southside, Pittsburg, brought home with him a story the other day that was not nearly as solemn as his profession. He says that a negro read a dentist's sign, as follows: "Teeth extracted without pain."

An Irishman heard him read the sign and bolted up the stairs to the dentist's office and into the chair.

"Pull it," he commanded the dentist pointing to a huge molar that was plainly in need of attention.

The dentist applied scientific methods and extracted the troublesome molar. The Irishman seized his hat and started for the door.

"Fifty cents, please," politely requested the dentist.

"What!" ejaculated the Irishman. "Your sign says teeth extracted without pain."

Then the dentist had to explain the Irishman's mistake; and that pain and payin', as the sign looked to the negro were two different things.

After a visit to the Monongahela poultry show the other day, a young woman entered a business house, and told something of the show. She encountered a number of kinds of chickens that were to be found there, and the head of the business house became very much interested. With a very sober countenance she mentioned along with the varieties, a "talking white crow."

"A what?" the business man exclaimed.

"A talking white crow," she repeated patiently.

"Did you talk to it yourself?" What did it say?" he asked.

"Oh I don't remember. You go down and talk to him yourself. He's from Bentleyville."

Then the young woman sauntered out

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ARCANUMS INSTALL OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR MONDAY NIGHT

Monday evening at a meeting of the Royal Arcanum No. 1240 officers for the year were installed as follows: Regent, John Fries; vice regent, D. F. Higgins; orator, F. N. Nandise; past regent, Fred Powell; secretary, Fred Peiper; collector, John B. Schafer; trustee, Charles Feste; chaplain, James Seddon; guide, Albert Lape; warden, G. T. Barger; sentry, A. Brand; trustee, N. Greenberg. The installation ceremonies were in charge of District Deputy Grand Regent M. J. Shaw of Allegheny and District Deputy Grand Guide Otto Dorbritz. After the business meeting a social hour and lunch were enjoyed.

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PHILLIPS WILL

VALID OPINES

SUPREME COURT

The state supreme court sitting at Philadelphia Monday sustained the judgment of the lower court in the estate of Elizabeth Phillips, late of East Pike Run township, in which certain claimants to share in the estate, attacked the validity of the will of Mrs. Phillips. Judge McIlwaine in his opinion in the lower court, refused to award an issue and sustained the validity of the last will and testament of Mrs. Phillips. The decision of the supreme court closes a litigation that has been bitterly fought. The estate at issue is estimated to be worth between \$400,000 and \$500,000.

The proceedings to have an issue awarded to determine the validity of the will were started back in December of 1911.

PLANNING NOW

FOR FAIR FOR

NEXT SUMMER

The directors of the Union Agricultural association at a meeting at Burgettstown besides completing the staff of officers decided to hold the annual fair next fall on September 29 and 30 and October 1.

The officers elected were S. V. Kimberland, secretary; Miss Mae Nichols, assistant secretary and J. M. Pyle, treasurer. L. E. Foster was chosen president of the organization at a previous meeting. D. F. Taylor is the retiring secretary.

Various committees were also named to be in charge of the several departments of the fair and to make arrangements for the exhibition which it is planned to make the largest and best ever held.

Don't Let a Cold

Settle on Your Lungs

Many cases of Lung Trouble can be traced directly to a severe cold which has been neglected and which as a result has affected the lungs. If you have a persistent cough or cold, take warning before it is too late. Eckman's Alternative is most beneficial in such cases and has been the means of completely restoring to health many persons who had serious lung trouble. Read the case.

(Signed) Pleasantville, N. J.
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(Signed) GEO. M. BATES.
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FOR CONGRESS

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Bill (on the third story, to Tom, on the fifth—) I say, Tom, whenever convenient would you mind dropping a hammer or a brick or anything hard on me head? Or just been takin' out some accident insurance?—Buffalo Courier.

Higher Praise.

"Mabel, you are simply perfect."
"That isn't much of a compliment, Henry. George tells me I'm perfect."—Kansas City Journal.

North, South, East, West

men and women are subject to the numerous ailments caused by defective or irregular action of the organs of digestion and elimination. Headaches, lazy feelings, depression of spirits are first consequences, and then worse sickness follows if the trouble is not removed. But thousands have discovered that

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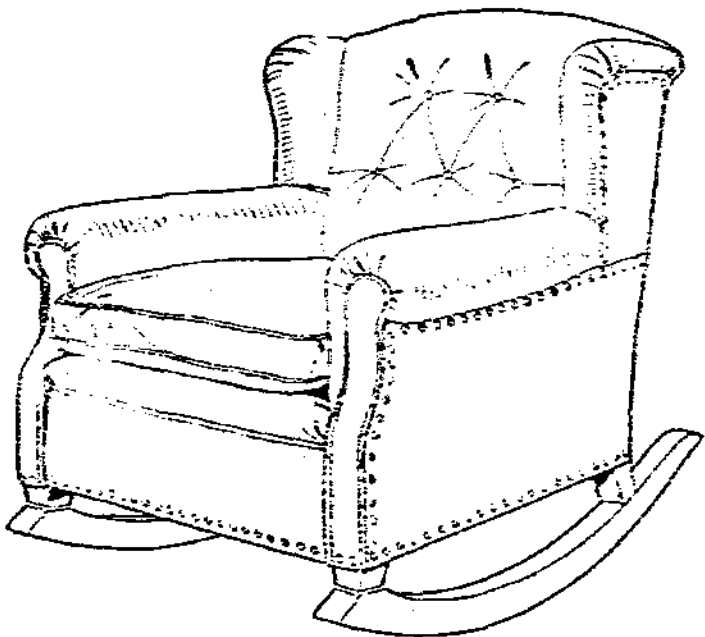
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are the most reliable corrective, and the best preventive of these common ailments. Better digestion, more restful sleep, greater strength, brighter spirits, clearer complexions are given to those who use occasionally this time-tested home remedy. Beecham's Pills will no doubt help you—it is to your interest to try them—for all over the world they

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Will Be Read With Interest
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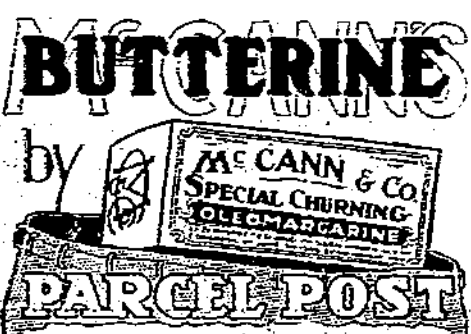
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It matters not if you are a new caller or an old patient, this new doctor would like to meet you. He comes to Monessen direct from Philadelphia, comes to stay, comes to do the "right and best" by the sick and he desires to so act and do that he be known as a gentleman and respected citizen among society and for this reason this special announcement is publicly made. You can judge for yourselves as to this new doctor, the man and his ability.

Doctor Barnes, who so successfully opened The German-American Doctors Office in Monessen last July, who remained here during August, September and October, and who was called away early in November on account of sickness, and who has so many friends in Monessen, will hereafter be in frequent consultation with the present new doctor who has just arrived, and the public will again have the benefits of Dr. Barnes' extensive experience in connection with the new doctor who comes highly endorsed.

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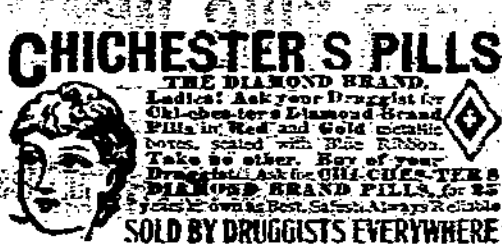
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SURE SIGNS OF DEATH.

Guided by Them, There Is Little Danger of Premature Burial.

There is a widespread belief among educated persons that burial while still alive is, though not probable, at least possible. As evidence of this, one may cite the fact that many persons leave instructions in their wills for the making of special preparations to guard against this most dreaded of catastrophes.

When circumstances take place, of course there is no possibility of burial while yet alive, but by some means a final decree of being allowed to revive and spend many more years on earth is not the rate one would so test.

Although there is but one infallible sign of death—namely, putrefaction—yet there are many other signs, some of which is incontrovertible, yet that when taken together, even in the absence of putrefaction, make the diagnosis absolutely sure.

The heart may stop beating, but this does not necessarily mean that the patient is dead. The writer recalls a case in his personal observation when a woman's heart stopped beating thirty-four times in twelve hours and each time was started up again by injections of brandy and of nitroglycerin. That is more than six years ago, and the woman is alive and strong today.

It is often very difficult to tell the precise moment of death, but when the heart refuses to respond to stimulation, when the body becomes rigid when the blood coagulates and the eyeballs become flaccid and lose their tension, then there is no doubt that death has come. The greatest safeguard against premature burial is the length of time that in this country elapses before the body is consigned to the ground.—New York World.

ROAR OF THE THUNDER.

Its Length and Strength Depend Upon the Lightning Flash.

Lightning is the glare of a prodigious electric spark that is turned loose from some place no longer strong enough to hold it and turns a tremendous blazing arc as it leaps from cloud to cloud or from cloud to earth. The little spark of a laboratory machine makes a crackling noise, and the gigantic one in the sky makes a correspondingly great one as it tears through the air and sets up vibrations of tremendous intensity.

But it is noticeable in a thunderstorm that the thunders are of very different loudness and quality of sound. The length and strength of a thunder peal, as a meteorologist points out in knowledge, depend mainly on the size of the accompanying lightning discharge, but the loudness and sharpness of the crack that comes before the peal depend chiefly on the direction taken by the electric current relative to the hearer.

The first crack or rending noise comes from the dash itself; the peal that follows consists of echoes from the clouds or mountain sides when bills are near. Furthermore, the noise of the actual dash comes to us from all along the lightning's path. We hear first that at the beginning of the flash and later the noise made toward the end of its path. When this is short and we are so situated with reference to it that the whole report reaches our ears almost simultaneously, say in a quarter of a second, it sounds like one terrific thump or crash. But if the electric arc is long and the noise takes two or three seconds to reach us completely it translates itself into a long, tearing roar. Thus you may judge of the character of a lightning flash from its own report of proceedings.

A Useless Pause.

Calhoun Clay was getting married. Little and lean, he stood at the altar beside a tall and robust bride of 150 pounds or more. The ceremony proceeded regularly until in the bride's reply the words "to love, honor and obey" were pronounced.

At this juncture Bridegroom Calhoun Clay held up his right hand. A pause ensued. In the silence Calhoun said: "Excuse me, please; but—Ah—would have us wait a moment and let the full solemnity of the words sink in—especially the last two. Ah's been married before."—Washington Star.

Persian Bread.

The Persian native bread today is very little different from that used a thousand years ago. The Persian oven is built of smooth masonry work in the ground and is usually about the size of a barrel. Many of them have been used for a century. The dough is formed into thin sheets about a foot long and two feet wide and slapped against the side of the oven. It bakes in a few minutes.

Sifting Out the Lions.

What to do when confronted with a lion is not a problem that would have puzzled the editor of one of the earliest newspapers published in South Africa. Asked by some inexperienced (or imaginary) correspondent for information about "the best way to get a good bag of lions in the Kalahari desert," he crisply replied in an editorial note: "The Kalahari desert is principally composed of sand and lions. First you sift out all the sand with a big sieve; then the lions will remain. These you place in a bag which is carried for the purpose."

The Wrong Heart.

"Mr. Bubkins," said the proud father, shaking the young man warmly by the hand, "let me tell you that you are a man after my own heart."
"Oh, no, sir," protested the blushing suitor; "I'm after your daughter's"—London Answers.

COURTESIES OF WAR.

Christmas Boxes the Boers Dropped Among the English.

When the Boers advanced on Ladysmith in the Transvaal war the late Melton Prior was one of the twenty newspaper correspondents who threw in their lot with the English army instead of making the hurried retreat that was still possible. In his book, "Reminiscences of a War Correspondent," he tells many interesting incidents of the siege.

The enemy succeeded in passing thirty-two guns on the heights above the town and kept up such an incessant fire that the troops and civilians were soon engaged in digging bomb proof shelters. In a short time they learned to distinguish the different Boer guns by their sound and gave them amusing names. Three of the large ones they called "Long Tom," "Puffing Billy" and "Weary Willie." Then there was "Silent Susie," so named because the bursting of a shell was the first warning we got that it had been fired.

"Bloody Mary," as you may suppose, was looked upon as a beast of a gun. In spite of the name, the cannon worked, the soldiers soon grew accustomed to the shelling. One day the Second Gordon highlanders were playing football, when a shell plumed in among them. Fortunately, no one was hit, and they went on playing. The Boers were so interested, apparently, that they gave up firing and actually sat on the edge of the hills, watching the game. Then, when it was all over, the firing started afresh.

But this was not the only courtesy the enemy showed. On Christmas day they saluted the happy men by salvoes of shells. The first two that fell into the camps of the carabineers and the Imperial Light horse did not burst. When the shells were picked up it was found that wooden plugs had been inserted in place of the fuses, and inside the shells were plum puddings. On the outside were the words, "With the compliments of the season."

THE CRUSH OF WORLDS.

It Will Come When the Solar System Falls Into the Sun.

The whole of the present solar system is ultimately to fall into the sun, causing an explosion that may result in a new solar system. Such is the theory put forward in the Journal of Natural Science by Professor Philip Fauth, a well known astronomer, whose reputation has rested principally upon his researches into conditions on the moon.

The novel feature of Dr. Fauth's theory is that it is based upon the supposition that a great part of the known solar system, including especially the planets Jupiter, Uranus and Saturn, are not composed of mineral matter at all, but are tremendous masses of ice or balls of ice surrounding a mineral kernel. Furthermore, he declares, a part of what is now known as the Milky way is not mineral or gaseous, but "a ring of ice dust," masses of particles of ice suspended in space, the outer planets receiving a constant addition to their mass from this source.

Professor Fauth declares that the world already at some remote period has had a similar experience, resulting in the death of nearly all animate nature, and that all species of life as we know it have arisen since then. Eventually the planets swinging through their narrowing orbits will fall into the sun, causing a new explosion and perhaps the birth of a new solar system, but for thousands of years before that time all life, either on earth or elsewhere, will have disappeared.—New York Sun.

His Conceit.

Abbe Pradt, a minor light of Napoleon's time, was a most conceited man. The Duke of Wellington met him in Paris at a dinner given in honor of himself. The abbe made a long oration, chiefly on the state of political affairs, and concluded with the words, "We owe the salvation of Europe to one man alone." "Before he gave me time to blush," said the duke, "he put his hand on his heart and continued, 'To me.'"

All in Harmony.

"Have you been in Mrs. Glider's new home?"
"No."
"It's furnished perfectly exquisite. You ought to see the antiques! Everything is just as old as it can be. Why, she hasn't neglected a single period."
"Indeed!"
"Yes. What do you think? She's even got a Queen Anne vacuum cleaner!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

An Oath of Silence.

In certain districts of Western Australia there are women who take an oath to remain silent after the death of their husbands. In some cases they will remain mute for two years after the funeral, and very often the oath is kept also by the mother and mother-in-law of the deceased.—Paris Revue Medicale.

Honduras Silver Coins.

In the republic of Honduras the silver currency was for years united from Socorro bullion. This hearty alloy contains a certain proportion of gold, which used not to be separated before it went to the mint, so that Honduras silver coins prior to 1911 generally contain a certain proportion of gold.

Out of His Line.

Mother—Now, Freddie, at the party when asked if you'll have something you must say, "Yes, thank you," and if you don't want it you must say, "Freddie—Don't you bother, ma. I don't expect to refuse anything."—Boston Transcript.

ROAD THROUGH HUSTON MAY BE IMPROVED

The grand jury Monday afternoon after hearing a number of witnesses, approved the proposed improvement of a portion of what is known as Pike street, in the borough of Huston, the main street of that borough.

The road proposed to be improved is a small unpaved stretch at the southern end of the town. It will connect up a paved portion in the borough and the paved Meadowslands-Canoonsburg road, where it enters the borough or the south. The estimated cost of the improvement is \$10,121. It will be paved a width of 14 feet and curbed. The borough of Huston will bear one-fourth of the expense of the improvement and keep the road in good repair. The closing up of this small stretch will make a continuous improved road from Washington to Canonsburg. At present this small unpaved portion is in very bad shape. In Huston the improvement will connect with an improved road running towards Hickory.

The approval of a proposed improved road in New Eagle borough failed by one vote, much to the disappointment of a large number of witnesses present. The road desired to be improved in New Eagle begins at a point in the state road running from Monongahela to Pittsburgh, where the center line of Maderia avenue intersects said road, and then by Maderia avenue to Minge street and thence across the county bridge over Mingo creek and by a new location to the end of the present improved road in Union township.

"IN MEMORIAM" WORDING FOR DECEASED CALF

"In Memoriam" is written across a bill disapproved by the controller and submitted to him by the county commissioners with their approval and also approved by the poor board. These words are written in a bold black hand, while the voucher is bordered in a deep border of black.

The bill in question is one for \$150 for "one bull calf" now deceased. The bill is held up under the controller's act, which requires that expenditures authorized by the commissioners for more than \$100 be advertised. There is at present a test being made of this provision in both Fayette and Westmoreland counties.

The calf above referred to was bought last month and was one that fell short under the tuberculosis test and recently was killed.

Another objection to the bill is the "rubber stamp" approval of the poor board. The approval stamp of the poor board, the controller stated, was simply the three names of the poor board in regular print letters. It is not a rubber stamp of the individual signature of each of the board members, but a stamp that any one could use.

WAYNESBURG TIMES SOLD TO PAULEY

The Waynesburg Times, a daily publication has been sold to John F. Pauley and associates. Mr. Pauley was formerly editor and proprietor of the Waynesburg Messenger. The sale was made by the Times Publishing company of which Edward Martin is president and J. A. Garrison, secretary and treasurer. The consideration was not made public.

The new owners took over the entire plant of the Times company and will continue to publish the Times as a daily paper, having some rather elaborate plans in prospect. The sale did not include The Independent, a weekly paper which some years ago was one of the strongest journalistic enterprises in the county. The owners of The Independent are said to plan a revival of that sheet and a reinstatement of it to its former high place.

TRY A MAIL AD

REMNANT SALE

Twice every year we hold this sale of the Remnants and Odd Garments which we gather through the six preceding months. Each February and August sees this greatest of all sales that everybody waits for. And this year will prove no exception.

Thursday & Friday, February 12 & 13

are the two days we intend to sell more remnants, more Ladies' Suits and Coats, more Dresses, Waists, Skirts; more Men's Suits and Overcoats, Boys' Wear, Carpets, Rugs, Comforts, Blankets, Curtains, etc., than we have ever before disposed of in two days.

Every department is represented in this great clean-up-sale, all prices are shelf-emptying prices, made to clear our shelves, our cases, our racks and our floors for spring and summer merchandise. All goods remaining unsold after these two days will remain on sale over Saturday and Monday. Remember the date and come. If you would do a kindness bring a friend to share with you.

J. W. Berryman & Son

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The United States

Just think of what it has been and what it is. The home of Lincoln and all the great men since Washington. We give honor and praise to the names of the whole list, but especially this week do we think of the one who preserved the Union.

Now let us come closer at home

CHARLEROI

Who knows what the word implies and what Charleroi really is. The home of the Governor of the most industrial state of the nation.

CHARLEROI IS THE CRADLE OF CO-OPERATION

These are a few of the things Charleroi is responsible for. Men of brains, muscle, courage and energy have kept Charleroi to the fore front in the glass industry, mining, manufacturing, commercial and co-operative enterprises, of which our house is one of the great example, where you can find everything that is needed in the grocery and food products line, cheaper than you can possibly find at any other place in the state, quality considered. Nearly thirteen years this house has stood as a monument to this statement. Always good goods and always low prices.

NOW LOOK AT THIS COMBINATION SALE

Specially arranged for this week, at a saving of 30 per cent on regular retail prices.

One 3 lb. can sanitary fancy tomatoes, regular price.....	10c
One can Aristo fancy Corn, regular price.....	10c
One can Golden Early June Peas, regular price.....	10c
2 cakes Octagon Soap, regular price.....	10c
One cake Scouring Soap, regular price.....	05c
One 1c pkg. ground Black Pepper, regular price.....	05c
1 lb. Seedless Muscatel Raisins, regular price.....	10c
One box Noiseless Matches(500), regular price.....	05c

Total regular price65c

Our price this week for the entire Combination is 50c

A cash saving of 15 cents, representing one hours wages, for the majority of the wage workers. In our next week advertisement we will offer even a more attractive bargain.

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Read the Mail

Classified Ads

FOR SALE—Four room house. One fourth acre ground, hog pen, chicken house, large garden, grape and peach trees. Good well at door. Outbuildings. Two porches. Easy terms. Inquire 329 Mail office.

WANTED—Position as housekeeper in small family by woman with child, four years old. Address 331 Mail office. 175-t6p

WANTED—Experienced girl for general housework. 408 Crest avenue. 175-t3

FOUND—A pocket book. If owner will kindly pay for this ad, then call at the home of John Taylor, Speers, giving exact description of pocketbook, the same will be returned. 177-t2

WANTED—Woman for washing and ironing. Must be able to do good work. Apply 700 Crest avenue. 178-t1

WANTED—Girl or middle aged woman for general housework. Inquire 532 Fallowfield avenue. 173-tf

WANTED—Girl. Must be good cook and houseworker. None other need apply. Call 332 Mail office. 178-tf

GOOD PRICE IS PAID FOR WOOL IN THIS COUNTY

The cries of sheep raisers and others interested in the wool industry, that the removal of the tariff on this staple would cause it to decrease in value, seem to have been premature, as recent sales in the West Middle-town section would indicate that the value of the product is on the rise. John Perrin, a well known wool buyer, of the West Middletown section, purchased several large clips in that vicinity during the past several days, paying 25c a pound for washed wool. This is the highest price paid in Washington county since President Wilson was inaugurated. Early sales of the present clip were made at 21 and 22 cents the pound.

SOCIETY AND PERSONAL

L. P. Flickinger was a business caller in Pittsburgh Tuesday. C. Brown, Jr., went to Pittsburgh Tuesday. Mrs. W. C. Richey and Mrs. Charles

Culbertson were in Pittsburgh Tuesday attending the "Billy" Sunday meetings.

Paul Kammins was a business caller in California Tuesday.

Mr and Mrs. A. W. Day left Monday evening for Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Mrs. Ina Williams and John Johnson of Uniontown were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr and Mrs. Clarence Christner.

Mr. and Mrs. William Oppenheim of Monongahela will be "at home" to their friends Sunday, February 22 in honor of their tenth wedding anniversary. They formerly lived in Charleroi and are well known here.

TRY A WANT AD

WHAT \$10 DID FOR THIS WOMAN

The Price She Paid for Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Which Brought Good Health.

Danville, Va.—"I have only spent ten dollars on your medicine and I feel so much better than I did when the doctor was treating me. I don't suffer any bearing down pains at all now and sleep well. I cannot say enough for Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and Liver Pills as they have done so much for me. I am enjoying good health now and owe it all to your remedies. I take pleasure in telling my friends and neighbors about them."—Mrs. MATTIE HALEY, 501 Colquhoun Street, Danville, Va.

No woman suffering from any form of female troubles should lose hope until she has given Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound a fair trial. This famous remedy, the medicinal ingredients of which are derived from native roots and herbs, has for forty years proved to be a most valuable tonic and invigorator of the female organism. Women everywhere bear willing testimony to the wonderful virtue of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

If you have the slightest doubt that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will help you, write to Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co. (confidential) Lynn, Mass., for advice. Your letter will be opened, read and answered by a woman, and held in strict confidence.

CHARLEROI LYCEUM BEATS THE FAYETTE CITY A. C.

St. Jerome's Lyceum Juniors defeated the Fayette City A. C. by the score of 34 to 8 on the Lyceum's floor. The feature of the game was the team playing of the Charleroi five. Score: Charleroi—34 Fayette City—3. D. Oates F O'Neil T. Oates F Davidson Lentz C Brightwell Ludwig G Ealing Buchanan G Woods. Field goals—Lentz 8, T. Oates 4, D. Oates 3, Woods. Goals from foul—T. Oates 4 out of 7, Davidson 6 out of 11. Referee—Schafer.

SPEERS

Mrs. J. R. Davenport spent Monday with her mother Mrs. Mears of Monongahela.

Mr. and Mrs. William Morgan attended church at the "Billy" Sunday tabernacle on Sunday.

Fred and Tracy Collins attended a play at Pittsburgh.

Mr. and Mrs. Park Jackman are at Cleveland, Ohio, where they expect to remain several months.

A large crowd of women from here were with the crowd that visited the H. J. Heinz plant and "Billy" Sunday meetings last Thursday.

THE COCONUT PALM.

Almost the Life of the People in Many Tropical Countries

The coconut palm is a native of the torrid zone and thrives best on the seacoast of the tropics. But in the United States it is not generally known that the uses of the palm (Cocos nucifera) are as numerous as the days of the year.

Found nearly everywhere within the tropics, almost the sole dependence for food of the palmorous inhabitants of many countries this king of low tropical countries furnishes man with food drink, medicines, domestic utensils, materials for boat and house building, oil for cooking, lighting, lubricating and innumerable other purposes, and is of all the palm trees the one that yields the greatest variety of products.

It has been truly said by Tennant, the historian that "of the coconut palm a ship can be built and laden too."

The coconut palm comes into bearing between the fifth and sixth year of its life, earlier if near the ocean front, later if inland any great distance, and will bear for 80 to 100 years thereafter. It is still in its full vigor at twenty-five to forty-five years of age and even up to seventy years may be found in fairly good bearing.

So highly valued is the coconut in the Orient that Tennant mentions a claim in court in the island of Ceylon for the two thousand five hundred and twentieth part of a "plantation" containing only ten coconut palms.—"Below the Rio Grande."

DINING WITH FRIENDS.

An Incident of Boarding House Life in a Great City.

Not until boarding houses cease to exist will all their romances be written. Shabby romances most of them are, like that of the young woman who got so tired of being called "poor thing" because she received no invitations and had to eat all her meals at the boarding house table that she took to eating alone once in awhile at a cheap restaurant and then brazenly lying about the friends who had invited her to dinner.

There was a young man in that house who never went anywhere either. The first night the girl stayed out life's desolation nearly overpowered him.

"Even that poor little white faced soul has made friends who want her," he said. "Nobody wants me. I'm no good on earth."

Then on rare occasions his place at the table was vacant.

"New friends?" asked the landlady.

"Yes," the young man lied.

One night the man and the girl met at a twenty five cent restaurant. They blushed, they fawned, they finally confessed.

"We're a pair of frauds," said the girl. "It is awful to think that tonight when we go home we will have to swear that we have been dining with friends."

"Well," said the young man softly, "ain't we?"—New York Times.

The Mullahs of India.

A mullah, or, as it is more properly written, mollah, is a title given in India and throughout the east generally to a religious leader of any description. Thus the sultan of Turkey is a mullah, because he is the supreme head of the moslem world. And there are hundreds of others. To most of the more conspicuous among them is prefixed the adjective "mad." This, however, must not be taken to mean that they are insane, the word being used rather in its oriental significance of "inspired." The person of the mullah is sacred. Not even the mighty Habi-bullah himself would care to lay a sacrilegious finger on one of these saintly personages. If he were to venture such an unheard of thing vengeance would surely overtake him. For it is the cardinal principle of the Ulama—as the mullahs are collectively termed—that an injury purposely caused to one of their number can only be atoned for by the death of the individual inflicting it.

MONTOUR ROAD IS CENTER OF TRUST BATTLE

Methods of a soft coal concern, known as the Pittsburg Coal company, in conjunction with railroads operated by the United States Steel Corporation, to throttle competition by the independent coal operators of western Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia, has resulted in a storm of protest according to dispatches from Washington, D. C. This promises to reveal more "big business" secrets.

It became known Monday that the soft coal independents have arranged to lay their protest this week before the interstate commerce commission. A delegation of the coal men is going to Washington for this purpose. Their representatives state that unless speedy remedial intervention is applied, the struggle of the independents will be carried into congress, with the help of senators and representatives from Ohio and West Virginia.

A committee of operators from the coal territory served by the Baltimore and Ohio, Chesapeake and Ohio, Norfolk and Western and some of the branch lines of other roads used in transporting fuel to the great lakes, claims it has found in an agreement made between the Montour railroad, a small railway owned by the Pittsburg Coal company, and the Bessemer and Lake Erie railroad, a line controlled by the United States corporation, an endeavor by rate favoritism to enable the coal trust to create a virtual monopoly of the lake coal trade. This agreement is on file with the interstate commerce commission and is likely to be the subject of a thorough investigation, either by the commission or by committees of congress.

Under the law, the railroads are not permitted to mine and ship coal or to own active coal companies and industrial companies must now give up their terminal railroads, which serve as a means to get allowances and undue advantages over their smaller competitors.

It is the contention of the small operators that unless the big coal combine is put in the same category, it may continue to run its own railroad and through an agreement with the steel trust, get a rate allowance for the short haul on its own road, which will enable it to cut the ground from under the smaller shipper, who hasn't a railroad of his own.

Under this agreement it is declared the Steel Corporation through its Bessemer railroad, agrees to haul coal delivered to it by the Montour railroad to the lake ports for transshipment at the same rate per ton mile for the 158 miles of its line as the Baltimore and Ohio charges from its Fairmont district, in West Virginia, 262 miles on an average to the lake ports. This arrangement will leave for the Pittsburg Coal company for its short haul of a few miles on its Montour railroad a very large proportion of the rate and a figure far beyond that to which it would be entitled considering the mileage.

CHARLEROI FIREMEN BEAT FRATERNITY TEAM

The Charleroi fire department basketball team on Monday night at the high school gymnasium defeated the Alpha Phi Beta fraternity five by the score of 38 to 20. G. Hudspeth was the leading score getter of the whole game having a string of 13 to his credit. Score:

Firemen—38	Alpha Phi Beta—20
G. Hudspeth	F O'Neil
Lowstuter	F Oller
Vetter	C Wingett
Campbell	G Roberts
Hernoux	G Carothers

Substitutions—Hernoux for Vetter, A. Hudspeth for Hernoux, Sharp for Hernoux, B. Roberts for C. Roberts. Field goals—G. Hudspeth 13, Lowstuter 4, Campbell, Hernoux, Oller 3, O'Neil 2, Carothers 4. Goals from fouls—Carothers 2 out of 2. Referee—Smith.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DANCE WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Elaborate plans have been laid for the joint dance to be given Wednesday night by the Monessen council and by Charleroi Council No. 956 Knights of Columbus in Turner Hall, Monessen. The affair will be for the Knights of Columbus and their ladies. The committee in charge of the arrangements consists of M. T. Crowley of Charleroi and J. E. McElroy of Monessen.